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1. DEPARTMENT UNABLE DETERMINE ALLEGED IN-HOUSE SOURCE OF QUOTED LETTER. INCREDIBLE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT ANNUAL VACANCY QUOTA NOTED IN ARTICLE FOR AFRICAN STUDENTS LEADS DEPARTMENT TO BELIEVE SOURCE MISQUOTED OR MISINTERPRETED.

2. SUGGEST POST MAY WANT REQUEST THAT NIGERIAN TIDE PRODUCE ALLEGED LETTER FOR EXAMINATION.

3. ADMISSION POLICIES FOR AMERICAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS VARY WIDELY. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SCHOOLS WOULD SPEAK TO QUESTION OF ADMISSION QUOTAS AND DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FEEL IT PRUDENT TO ASK. GENERALLY SPEAKING, STUDENTS ARE SELECTED ON BASIS OF INDIVIDUALITY, PRE-MEDICAL PREPARATION, AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT. EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT ANY FOREIGN STUDENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION INTO AMERICAN MEDICAL SCHOOL UNLESS HE HAD RECEIVED PRE-MEDICAL TRAINING IN U.S. DUE KEEN COMPETITION BY
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